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Tabor City—A Town With A City Future

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Carter's Column

BY—W. HORACE CARTER

CRISIS: When you sit down to write a column a few days in advance of the publication date and actually feel that the paper it's written on might be burned up before it gets in print, then we would say that a war crisis was certainly hanging over our head. Such was the case as this was written with the Cuban quarantine in its second day and awaiting the approach of some 25 Soviet ships. But with all the bushels of foreign policy mistakes made in recent years, we feel that the U. S. decision to finally stand firm and do something about the bearded dictator of Cuba was like a breath of fresh air. Most of us had long wondered if we had lost the courage to stand up and be counted. The Communists have out maneuvered us ever since the end of World War II, and while we have apparently tried to help and make friends over the world, we have constantly lost friends and the Soviet doctrine and power has gobbled up much of the world. Nothing done by the present administration has been as welcomed to the general public as was President Kennedy's hard-boiled talk that established the quarantine. The biggest criticism of the action was the fact it came many months later than it should have come. Castro should never have been allowed to join hands with Mr. K in the beginning and if this country had not broken its promise to Cuban refugees, the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion might have ousted the chicken picking Castro before he was so firmly entrenched. The lack of backbone in upholding the historic Monroe Doctrine must have brought about many a deep belly laugh in the Kremlin.

ELECTION: Leroy Stocks is fighting a losing battle for House of Representatives on the Republican ticket, and we think he knows it. But in the face of such a sure defeat, he has traveled up and down the roads and paths of Columbus County for weeks distributing his brochure that clearly states his platform, both county and state wide. Whether he is running on a platform that you like and whether he is associated with the party of your choice or not, Stocks is to be commended for taking the time to seek a public office, in the face of such overwhelming odds. We don't know how many folks have even bothered to read his platform but certainly some of the things he endorses should be considered by the lawmakers, and policy makers of the county. His thought in regard to having County Commissioners and Board of Election members elected from their respective districts rather than countywide is worthy of consideration. Certainly the folks in the candidates' own district know him better than those in the far reaches of the county who simply mark a name in many instances rather than for real reason and purpose. His State proposal for a good East-West primary highway is a good project. Generally you can ride good roads North and South but in Eastern North Carolina the East-West route, in the East, is deplorable. But the plank in his platform that we applaud the most is something long overdue and it has almost taken away democracy in elections in this and many other areas. That proposal of his favors the passage of a law that would carry a \$10,000 fine or ten years in prison for anyone convicted of using money to buy votes or in any other way influencing his election except through legal advertising. This practice of paying people for votes and passing out money for political assistance in a precinct, is unAmerican and often puts undesirable men in office. Until such a time as a satisfactory law is passed that has teeth in it, the shady practice of buying elections will continue. Of course, in the case of Mr. Stocks, we are fairly certain that it won't be necessary to buy votes to beat him. But he is to be commended for running on a platform with worthy objectives. We expect these objectives will be a long way in the future, but it's good to see some one with the fortitude to state his case for the world to see. Something good might come of it, even in defeat.

CARMINE L. LANE He and his wife, the former KESLER AFB, Miss—Airman Second Class Carmine L. Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie G. Lane, Rt. 3, Tabor City, N. C., is being reassigned to Myrtle Beach AFB, S. C., following his graduation from the United States Air Force technical training course for aircraft radio repairmen here. Airman Lane was trained to operate, test, and repair interphone and emergency radio equipment.

A graduate of Central Wesleyan Academy, he attended Central Wesleyan College.

FORREST L. DOTTS CUSTER AIR FORCE STATION, Mich. — Forrest L. Dotts of Lansing, Mich., has been promoted to airman first class in the United States Air Force.

Airman Dotts is assigned to the 4627th Support Squadron here as a data processing machine specialist.

The airman, who attended Lansing Eastern High School, is the son of Layton L. Dotts of 1202 Wolf Court, East Lansing.

Editorials...

CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

When the voters of North Carolina go to the polls Nov. 6h, one of the most vital items on the ballot relates to the continuity of representative civil government in time of emergency.

We are referring to Amendment No. 3, which will amend our State's constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for government continuity in emergencies, such as enemy attack.

Amendment No. 3 may seem to be a routine piece of business as it appears on the ballot but behind its simple language is a message of urgent importance.

If adopted on Nov. 6h, this amendment will help assure that our State government will be prepared with emergency authority to operate effectively during and after an enemy attack.

Thus, when you vote on Amendment No. 3, you will be acting on a proposal that has won the approval of both political parties. It calls for no expenditure of money. It's a common-sense proposal to bring North Carolina constitution up to date to provide the following:

1. Continue leadership and authority in executive, legislative and

judicial positions.

2. Minimize the chance of unlawful assumption of authority in such an emergency.

3. Re-establish normal government functions and services if enemy bombs and missiles destroy our normal government sites.

4. Preserve civil government and thus minimize the possible need for martial law.

This brief but urgent amendment to our constitution will authorize the legislature to provide lines of succession in key public offices in such an emergency, and adopt such other measures as are needed to insure post-attack continuance of civil government.

If approved, this amendment to North Carolina constitution will authorize the legislature to provide for lines of succession to public office, plus such other measures as may be necessary to insure the post-attack operation of civil government and the continuation of its services to you.

You, too, can contribute to the continued operation of our State government in time of emergency by voting "yes" on Amendment No. 3.

Grand Strand Fishing Rodeo Is Big Event

MYRTLE BEACH — Anglers avidly answering announcements about awards available in the \$8,000 Grand Strand Fishing Rodeo packed up and headed for this South Carolina fishing area on June 1, the first day of the Rodeo.

The loudest splash ever heard on the Grand Strand echoed throughout the 50 mile area on June 1 as fishermen cast into the blue Atlantic in hopes of retrieving at least a first place monthly winner for one of the \$10 fish shaped checks and maybe a grand prize winner decided at the end of the Rodeo on Thanksgiving Day.

June of 1962 produced 64% more entries than June of 1961 as interest in this annual competition increases. There are three divisions of separate competition: pier, surf-small boat, and deep sea. Forty different species of fish from all waters to whiting are eligible in each of the divisions, meaning that \$10 fish shaped checks are riding on each of the forty fish in each area of competition.

But that's not all. At the end of the event, the Rodeo committee decides the largest fish in each division. The largest pier entry for the year receives \$250, surf-small boat \$200, and deep sea \$200. There is also a \$200 fish shaped check waiting for the person who pulls the largest fish from the Gulf Stream.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsored fishing contest originated in 1953 as the Myrtle Beach Fishing Rodeo. At that time the Rodeo was confined to the city limits of Myrtle Beach. Only ten classes of fish were eligible for entry and competition was limited to one division. Weekly plaques and certificates were awarded for the largest fish caught in each class. The Myrtle Beach Rodeo began on Labor Day and ran through Thanksgiving.

Interest soon developed in promoting the Rodeo as a Grand Strand, offered only pier and surf fishing. Excellent deep sea and inlet fishing were available in other areas of the Grand Strand coast. In addition, the Myrtle Beach Chamber was beginning a program to serve the entire Grand Strand.

Thus, in 1957, the fishing contest was converted to the Northeast South Carolina Anglers' Rodeo. Fishing piers and boats from Little River, Cherry Grove Beach, Ocean Drive Beach, Crescent Beach, Windy Hill Beach, Surfside Beach and

WWI Veterans To Hold Meet

Veterans of World War I held a meeting in the County Court House in Whiteville on Sunday afternoon, October 28th, at 2:30 P. M., to elect officers of the District and to meet their Department Commander.

Raymond J. Jeffreys, Department Commander, addressed the gathering. He explained the progress and latest news regarding the fight for a service pension now being waged in Washington. He also launched the local drive for membership — an all-out

Murrells Inlet joined Myrtle Beach in the Chamber of Commerce Rodeo. A deep sea division was added to the original pier and surf division. Cash prizes were introduced for the first time. Total prize offerings included \$2,000 in cash and 1,000 certificate awards.

statewide effort to secure a total of membership of 10,000 in North Carolina during 1963.

Commander Jeffreys is author of two books on the subject of World War I Veterans, titled "Must They Sell Apples Again?" and the "Forgotten Man." He has written other books also, two of which have been chosen as books-of-the-month.

Foreign steel producers will strengthen their competitive position by spending approximately \$5 billion (U. S. dollar equivalent) for new and improved facilities during 1962.

Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech.

—Mary Baker Eddy

Fair Bluff PTA Backs Bond Vote

The \$2 million Columbus County School bond issue, slated to go before the voters at the Nov. 6 general election, received additional support today when it was learned the Fair Bluff Parent-Teacher Association had been heard in favorable comment on the issue.

The action came at the first meeting of the Fair Bluff PTA of the new school year, with Vice-President Mrs. Margaret Betha presiding. Tom Clayton, vice-chairman of the Citizens for Better Education, and Fair Bluff Principal Pierce Dalton spoke on the intricate matter of the school bond issue.

Clayton reviewed the three meetings already held by his group in Chadbourn, Cerro Gordo and Whiteville; and enumerated projects and efforts being made by other schools to further the understanding of, and appreciation of, the issue. A motion was passed to issue a leaflet explaining why every citizen should vote on the issue, and do so according to his own convictions.

Clayton explained the findings of auditors pertaining to the effect on individuals' taxes, should the bond issue pass.

Principal Dalton told of the grave need for consolidation in the face of the fact that enrollment in the local school is on the decrease, thus jeopardizing the chances of retaining the present teaching force. Fair Bluff School lost one grammar grade teacher last year; it was reported, and another is expected to be lost this year because of a decrease in attendance.

It was also told that, if the bond vote is successful, a new building costing approximately \$550,000, would be built to house the consolidated school that would bring together the high school student bodies of Fair Bluff, Cerro Gordo, Evergreen and Chadbourn schools.

The building would be constructed near Cerro Gordo, the PTA members were told, since this is a median point between the four schools.

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

—Cicero

Ray's Ramblin's

By Ray Wicker

Reader Wants

A Montana newspaper editor with his tongue in cheek sat down and composed a list of answers to a questionnaire on what a weekly newspaper reader would really like to read.

The responses from an average reader on what he would like to see in his paper are:

—My Name.

—A front page article showing how crooked the government is most of the time.

My wife's name.

—A feature article showing 25 ways on how to cheat on income taxes.

—My kid's names.

—A local news item about the affair my neighbor is having.

—A classified offering a new home for sale for \$4000.00.

—More news about law-breakers.

—Less news about law-breakers. I was picked up last night and I should not have to pay a fine.

—An editorial condemning high school teachers for being too liberal with "F's".

—A wedding picture of the groom instead of the bride when he is more handsome than she is pretty.

—A sports picture of me when I bowled 183.

—More advertisements on things that merchants are giving away.

—A front page picture of my neighbor being hauled out of a bar by his wife.

—A front page spread about the deadbeat who lives across the street from me who just had his car repossessed.

—Forget the last one. I just got word from the finance company that they're coming after my car.

—More letters to the editor naming the crooks we have in town.

—A full page of local news, a page of national news, several pages of sports and comics, one page on divorcees, and three pages on all the domestic troubles we are having in town.

—Less stuff about how cute everyone else's kids are. My kids are better looking than those you rave about.

—A complete biographical sketch about the "most important citizen in town" and be sure you spell my name right.

Sgt. Joe L. Graham In Formosa Exercise

FORT BUSKNER, OKINAWA — Army Sgt. Joe L. Graham, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graham, Route 2, Nichols, S. C., participated with members of the 30th Infantry in Exercise SKY SOLDIER II on Formosa.

The week-long exercise ended Oct. 26.

The combined Nationalist Chinese-United States Army maneuver is providing field

training for airborne soldiers against Aggressor forces. The exercise is receiving air support from the National Air Force and elements of the U. S. Pacific Air Force.

Graham, a runner in Battery C of the 319th Artillery, is regularly stationed on Okinawa. He entered the Army in 1957 and was assigned to Fort Buskner, S. C., where he is now serving.

The sergeant attended Local High School.

Hallsboro Host To DKG Chapter

Members of the Delta Kappa Gamma society, Omega Chapter, met recently at the home of Mrs. Elsie FormyDuvall at Hallsboro with Mrs. Rachel Woodard, president of the local chapter, presiding.

Miss Elsie Elkins reviewed the book, "The Mind of the South," by W. J. Cash. Convention reports and plans for the year were given.

Miss Norma Fay Conner was the program leader and discussed contributions of recognized women leaders. Mrs. Doris Bridgen, state publicity chairman, and Mrs. Woodard, local president reported on the workshop they attended on the State College campus in Raleigh, August 17-18.

Hostesses for the meeting were Miss Ann Elkins, chairman, Miss Elsie Elkins, Mesdames, Elsie FormyDuvall, Bess Marks, Virginia Nickolas, Mabel Powell, Doris Bridgen and Rachel Woodard.

There is as much greatness of mind in acknowledging a good turn, as in doing it.

—Seneca

One ungrateful man does an injury to all who need help.

—Publius Syrus

O Lord, who lends me life, lend me a heart replete with thankfulness.

—Shakespeare

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